

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A moving cart assembly comprising:
a plurality of interlocking, vertically stackable storage modules forming a moving cart, each of said modules comprising:
an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section and a horizontal support; and
said frame comprising four reinforced corners, said corners disposed on the exterior of said modules and each comprising an opening at one end and a projection at the opposite, vertical end for supporting and interlocking vertically adjacent modules;
means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures; and
moveable supports to facilitate movement of said cart assembly.
moveable supports to facilitate movement of said cart assembly, each of said moveable supports having a load bearing capacity of at least about 75 pounds.
2. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said enclosing means comprises at least one door.

3. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 2 wherein at least one of said enclosing means comprises a pair of doors.

4. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 3 wherein said doors are supported by hinges located inside the enclosure.

5. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 3 wherein said doors are supported by hinges located outside the enclosure.

6. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 2 wherein said door comprises an identification slot.

7. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said enclosing means comprises a drawer.

8. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 7 wherein said drawer comprises rails spaced to support hanging files.

9. A moving cart assembly according to claim 8 comprising rails spaced to support at least two different sizes of hanging files.

10. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising a plurality of connectable carts and means for selectively connecting said carts.

11. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 10 wherein said connecting means comprises at least one retractable hitch.

12. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 10 wherein said connecting means comprises a retractable hitch on each cart.

13. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of said modules comprise vertically-aligned support ribs.

14. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 13 wherein at least one of said support ribs is located on said vertical sides of said modules.

15. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 14 wherein at least some of said support ribs are located on external vertical sides of said modules.

16. (previously amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 13 wherein at least one of said support ribs is located on at least one external, vertical surface of said frame.

17. (previously amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 16 wherein at least one of said support ribs is located on at least one internal, vertical surface of said frame.

18. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 17 wherein said support ribs are vertically tapered.

19. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising support ribs located on at least one internal, vertical surface of said frame.

20. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 13 wherein said support ribs are vertically tapered.

21. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of said modules comprise a plurality of receptacles and a corresponding plurality of

protrusions wherein adjacent modules are vertically interconnected with a protrusion from one module received in a corresponding receptacle of an adjacent module.

22. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 21 comprising means for securing a plurality of said modules together.

23. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 22 wherein said securing means comprises an elongated member which passes vertically through portions of a plurality of modules of a cart.

24. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 22 wherein said securing means comprises an elongated member extending vertically through portions of all modules of a cart.

25. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 22 wherein said securing means comprises at least one tie-rod.

26. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 22 wherein said securing means comprises a plurality of tie-rods.

27. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 22 wherein said securing means comprises an elongated member which passes vertically through said protrusions of a plurality of modules of a cart.

28. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising means for securing a plurality of said modules together.

29. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising means for selectively locking said enclosing means.

30. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 29 wherein said frames comprise projecting slots and said locking means comprises a bar which is selectively positionable in said slots.

31. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein said frames are vertically tapered.

32. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising a base.

33. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 32 comprising at least one weight to enhance stability.

34. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 32 wherein said base comprises means for connecting a cart to another cart.

35. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 34 wherein said connecting means comprises at least one retractable hitch.

36. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 35 wherein said connecting means comprises a plurality of retractable hitches.

37. (canceled)

38. (amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 37 1 wherein said frame comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene and polypropylene.

39. (amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 37 1 wherein said frame comprises high density polyethylene structural foam.

40. (amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 37 1 wherein said frame comprises polypropylene structural foam.

41. (amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 37 1 wherein said frame comprises a structural foam plastic.

42. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said modules is a cabinet module having an inside height of at least 20 inches.

43. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 42 wherein a plurality of said modules are cabinet modules having an inside height of at least 20 inches.

44. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 42 wherein at least one of said modules is a drawer module having an inside height of at least 11 inches.

45. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 44 wherein a plurality of said modules are drawer modules having an inside height of at least 11 inches.

46. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 42 comprising a plurality of cabinet modules each having an inside height of at least 20 inches and a plurality of drawer modules having an inside height of at least 11 inches.

47. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising a plurality of drawers disposed side-by-side on a cart.

48. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 47 comprising a plurality of cabinets disposed side-by-side on a cart.

49. (withdrawn) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 wherein said frames comprise flanges and means for connecting flanges of adjacent frames.

50. (withdrawn) A moving cart assembly according to claim 49 wherein said connecting means comprises nuts and bolts.

51. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 further comprising means for locking said enclosing means.

52. (previously amended) A moving cart assembly comprising:
a base;
a plurality of movable supports, capable of supporting at least about 75 pounds each, attached to said base;

a plurality of interlocking, vertically stackable storage modules forming a moving cart, each of said modules comprising:

an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section and a horizontal support; and
means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of compartments.

53. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein at least one of said compartments comprises at least one door.

54. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 53 wherein at least one of said compartments comprises a pair of doors.

55. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 53 wherein said door is supported by hinges located inside the enclosure.

56. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 53 wherein said door comprises an identification slot.

57. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein at least one of said enclosing means comprises a drawer.

58. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 57 wherein said drawer comprises rails spaced to support hanging files.

59. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 58 comprising rails spaced to support at least two different sizes of hanging files.

60. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 comprising a plurality of connectable carts and means for selectively connecting said carts.

61. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 60 wherein said connecting means comprises at least one retractable hitch.

62. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 60 wherein said connecting means comprises a retractable hitch on each cart.

63. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 61 wherein said cart assembly comprises a plurality of modules.

64. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 63 wherein a plurality of said modules comprise vertically-aligned support ribs and at least one of said support ribs is located on vertical sides of said modules.

65. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 64 wherein at least some of said support ribs are located on external vertical sides of said modules.

66. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 64 comprising support ribs located on at least one external, vertical surface of said frame.

67. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 66 comprising support ribs located on at least one internal, vertical surface of said frame.

68. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 67 wherein said support ribs are vertically tapered.

69. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 63 wherein a plurality of said modules comprise a plurality of receptacles and a corresponding plurality of protrusions wherein adjacent modules are vertically interconnected with a protrusion from one module received in a corresponding receptacle of an adjacent module.

70. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 63 comprising means for securing a plurality of said modules together.

71. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 70 wherein said securing means comprises an elongated member which passes vertically through portions of a plurality of modules of a cart.

72. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 70 wherein said securing means comprises an elongated member extending vertically through portions of all modules of a cart.

73. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 70 wherein said securing means comprises at least one tie-rod.

74. (previously amended) A moving cart assembly according to claim 1 comprising means for selectively locking said enclosures.

75. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein said base comprises means for connecting a cart to another cart.

76. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 75 wherein said connecting means comprises at least one retractable hitch.

77. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 75 wherein said connecting means comprises a plurality of retractable hitches.

78. (canceled)

79. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein said assembly comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene and polypropylene.

80. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein said assembly comprises high density polyethylene structural foam.

81. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein said assembly comprises polypropylene structural foam.

82. (original) A moving cart assembly according to claim 52 wherein said frame comprises a structural foam plastic.

83. (~~currently amended new~~) A moving cart assembly comprising:

 a plurality of interlocking, vertically stackable storage modules forming a moving cart, each of said modules comprising:

 an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section and a horizontal support; and

 means for completely enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures; and

 moveable supports to facilitate movement of said cart assembly.

 moveable supports to facilitate movement of said cart assembly, each of said moveable supports having a load bearing capacity of at least about 75 pounds.

CONCLUSION

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has now submitted the text of the withdrawn claims 49 and 50 and has also corrected the status of claim 83 as "new". Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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